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a base layer formed of a non-woven; and

a visible, substantially non-repeating surface layer formed by a multiplicity of elements having different geometric shapes, at least some of said elements formed by dividing a feed material formed as one of a ribbon and a sheet, said feed material being a non-woven, and said elements applied and needled at least to said base layer.

Claim 35(amended). The floor covering according to claim 32, wherein at least some of said elements include fibers oriented in a preferred direction.

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Claim 36 (amended). The floor covering according to claim 50, wherein said needle-shaped elements have a basis weight between 200 and 1000 gr/m².

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Claim 50(amended). The floor covering according to claim 32, wherein said elements are needle-shaped elements formed from a non-woven.

Add the Following Claim:

Claim 51. A floor covering, comprising:

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a base layer formed of a non-woven; and

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a visible, substantially non-repeating surface layer formed by
a multiplicity of elements having different geometric shapes,
at least some of said elements formed of at least one material
selected from the group consisting of yarns, threads, yarn
precursors, carded slivers and carded yarns, at least some of
said elements including fibers oriented in a preferred
direction, and said elements applied and needled at least to
said base layer.
